GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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AVAILABILITY OF WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether water availability has decreased enormously due to scanty rainfall during the current year;

(b) if so, the details of decreased percentage of water level this year in comparison to last year;

(c) the impact on irrigation and power generation due to shortage of water;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any contingency plan for the States to overcome the situation; and

(e) if so, the amount to be spent on this scheme by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) The status of storage capacity of the 71 major reservoirs being monitored by Central Water Commission indicates that the water availability has not decreased as compared to last year. At the end of the monsoon period this year, as on 29.10.2004, the water availability in the live storage of 71 major reservoirs was 84.8 billion Cubic Metre (BCM) against last year's availability of 80 BCM.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.